

Weekly Calendar



Sunday, March 8

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
- 8:30 AM The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
- 9:30 AM Mission Trip Build Team Departs, **Port St. Joe, FL**
- 9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
- 9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations**
- 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel**
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Missions Committee, **Room 203**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner, **Youth Room**

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, March 10

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
- 11:30 AM March Birthday Lunch, **Golden Isles Olive Oil**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, March 11

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 4:30 PM Lift & Learn- Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 5:00 PM Children's Bible Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:45 PM Called Charge Conference Meeting, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:45 PM Confirmation Practice, **Sanctuary**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, March 12

- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**
- 12:00 PM SAM: Saints & Sinners Luncheon, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Esther Circle Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, March 13

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Sandiford/Frye Rehearsal, **Chapel**

Saturday, March 14

- 3:00 PM Sandiford/Frye Wedding, **Chapel**

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&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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 This is a Stephan Ministry Church

Contemporary Worship

March 8, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Traditional Worship

March 8, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Mission Moment

Operation Bedsread

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Lead On Good Shepherd

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Fellowship Time

Love's Got A Way

CCLI # 7239922
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Here I Am To Worship

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Prayer

The Heart of Worship

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Today's Message

Is That Really You

John 4:5-42
Rev. Tab Miller

Invitation

In Christ Alone

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Benediction

PRELUDE		Dr. Emri Comer Organist
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kevin Lamb Director of Music Ministry
* HYMN OF PRAISE #163		HENDON
	<i>Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know</i>	
MISSION MOMENT	Operation Bedsread	
* FELLOWSHIP TIME		
* FELLOWSHIP SONG	<i>Shalom to You</i>	
KID'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)		Rev. Benjy Varnell
MORNING PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
* HYMN #159	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CRUCIFER
	Verses 1, 3 & 4	
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Benjy Varnell
OFFERTORY		
RESPONSE #95	THE DOXOLOGY	
MESSAGE IN MUSIC	<i>Unspoken</i>	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 6:35-40	
MORNING MESSAGE		Rev. Benjy Varnell
	<i>The Bread of Life</i>	
* INVITATION #599	<i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>	DENNIS
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		
	<i>* Stand As Able</i>	



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Stay Focused

As we continue our Lenten journey of self-examination, it becomes easy to get caught up in the temptations that would draw us away from our commitment to follow Jesus. We find ourselves immersed in what Jesus called the “the things of the world.” We feel the pressure to conform to ways of thinking and living that we see around us. Hatred, violence, dishonesty, jealousy, anger, fear, vengeance, greed, and many more sins become our focus as we face each day. We lose sight of what is good and stumble along in a blur of iniquity, forgetting our goal of being a better witness for Christ.

Clearly, we need encouragement. We need something to help us from falling by the wayside. Paul gives us words of encouragement in his marvelous letter to the Philippians. This letter, written by Paul while in prison because of his dedication to Christ, is a beacon of faith, hope and love as we face a dark and dangerous world. In his summation, he writes to the Philippians and us, “Finally brethren, whatever is TRUE, whatever is HONORABLE, whatever is JUST, whatever is PURE, whatever is LOVELY, whatever is GRACIOUS, if there is any EXCELLENCE, if there is anything worthy of PRAISE, think about these things.” (Chapter 4, verse 8) What an uplifting list!

Paul is reminding us here to stay focused! Stay on task! Stay the course! Don’t give up but remain constant as we move closer and closer to who God is calling us to be! He’s saying get your mind right; get your hearts right and move forward! I recall seeing a saying years ago that went, “Even if everyone around me is doing what is wrong, I will do what is right.” That’s a high goal, and we will not be able to reach it on our own power. We will need the help of others, and we will need to help each other, but finally to reach that goal we will need to learn the lesson that Paul learned and imparts to us just a few verses later in Philippians. He said, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Stay focused on Him!

Benjy

CU at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00!

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by March 30| Cost is \$25

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 5. Order Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



Welcome to Our Newest Member

Welcome our newest member **Kayla Dunn**. She joins the church by profession of her faith in Jesus Christ.

Join us in welcoming the **Kayla** to our SSUMC church family!

Called Charge Conference– 3/11/26

A called Charge Conference meeting for the leadership of SSUMC will be held on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:45 PM in the Thorpe building**. The purpose of the Conference is to vote on adjusting the Senior Pastor’s compensation as of July 2026.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com

March 1, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$34,395.40

Received YTD | \$211,635.36

Expenses YTD | \$214,843.43

Difference YTD | -\$3,208.07

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$226,516.37

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$4,110.00

thank you

Attendance

March 8, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **95**

Online Worship Views: **426**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **72**

Sunday School/Small Group: **120**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **261**

Total In Person Worship: **428**

Members in Ministry~ March 8, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham, Gary Krabill

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, PJ Hamilton, Cindy Simpson, Jordan Graffis, Nancy Jenkins

Greeters:

8:30 Nancy Krabill, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Sherry Pickett, Franny Robinson

Projection:

8:30 TBD

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Savannah & Natalie Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jenna Kennedy, Family & friends of Dick Pipe

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Deborah Blackman, Phillis Bunge, Vicki Cartwright, **Mike Crews**, Emily Curiani, Ralph Lundstedt, **John Mynatt**, **Angie Perry**, Bettye Russell, **Ann Sharp**, Family & friends of **Karen Shelly**, **Gail Stanek**, **Rebecca Suto**, Family & friends of A.J. Swann, **Family & friends of Morgan Whatley**, Betsy Wall

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Betsy Draughton, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

Marsh’s Edge: Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift, Ray Thrift

Sears Manor: Joan Harris

Vitality: Judy Clifton

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinner! 3/11/26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include: **Grandy's Fried Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert.**

This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **Register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later**

Saints & Sinners Luncheon

Join us for a great time of line dancing and lunch on **Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 PM** in the Thorpe Building! This Senior Adult Ministries event is all about fellowship, fun, and moving together. Come enjoy good food, good music, and even better company. Please bring a dish to share. Entrée Provided

Little Blessings- Wellness Kits

Sarah's UWF Circle and our Youth & Children are collecting travel size items for local agency to help those in need. Items will be collected from 3/8-3/29 in the Gholson room. Items needed include:



Hand sanitizer, Soap & washcloth, Shampoo & Conditioner, toothbrush, paste and floss, Wet wipes, Tissues, Sanitary pads, Deodorant, Q-tips, Disposable razors, underwear, Comb & brush, Hand cream, Band aids, Chapstick, Sunscreen, Bug spray, Gallon Zip-lock bags, or a \$10.00 donation made out to SSUMC- notated. See the display in the Gholson room for more info.

Baby Shower



We invite you to join us for a baby shower honoring Hope and Chandler Giedl as they prepare to welcome their sweet baby boy! Please join us on **Sunday, March 15**, immediately following the **11:00 AM service** in the **Thorpe Building**. Hosted by the Music Ministry and Church Staff. It will be a special time of celebration, encouragement, and sharing in the excitement of this precious new life. We hope you'll come help us surround them with love and support!

For registry information <https://my.babylist.com/hope-giedl>

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" PIPE

Janie Alexander & Family
Nancy & John Rentz
Edward Armstrong

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MABLE PROCTOR

Nancy & John Rentz

Easter Egg Hunt

It is time again for our Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch on **Sunday, March 29** after the 11:00am service in the Thorpe Building. Please Sign Up for lunch on Realm or by emailing Victoria or calling the church office. We are catering our meal and need a count of your family and friends!



We are collecting candy donations for the easter eggs (Please NO chocolate or lollipops). I am also prepping some bags of empty easter eggs that you can take home and fill and return to the church by **Sunday, March 22**. The bags will be in the Gholson Room as well as the drop off to return them and bring your candy! Contact Victoria at victoria@stsimonsumc.com

Join us for Youth on Sundays

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 AM. We will start in the Contemporary service and then head to the Youth Room after praise and worship each week.

Sunday Nights every week! (5:00-6:30)

Volunteers needed Weekly! Contact Bill at bill@stsimonsumc.com

Lynx—Tall Ship



When: April 16 | 11:30AM–2:30 PM

Where: Morningstar Marina

Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity)

Sign up on realm or by calling the church office with payment.

Lenten Bible Study- Thursdays in March

Join us for a Lenten Bible Study continuing on Thursdays in March. We will look at various characters we meet on the way to the Cross in the four Gospels. We'll meet in room 201 from 10:30 to 11:30 each of the four Thursdays in March. All you will need is your Bible and a pen and paper. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us! See you then! This class is led by Benjy Varnell. Sign up in Realm or by calling the church office. All are welcome to attend.

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 (adult only) & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Benjy Varnell at benjyv@stsimonsumc.com | 912.393.4566